



Community Action Partnership
Of San Bernardino County



“Next Steps” Homeless Task Force Meeting

Meeting Summary

January 18, 2006

ATTENDEES (per sign-in sheets)

Patricia Nickols, Community Action Partnership
Naomi Norman, Community Action Partnership
Maria Valles, Foothill Aids Project
Rita Stark, Foothill Family Shelter
Margaret Rochelle, Inland Behavioral Health Services
Becky Martin, Arrowhead United Way
Lawrence Calderon, San Bernardino County Social Services
Bob Roddick, Inland County Legal Services
Rosa Govea, U.S. Veterans Initiative
Sylvia Rodriguez, Frazee Community Center
Mike Chavez, Central City Lutheran Mission
Cheryl Norton, St. John of God Health Care
Dave Larsen, San Bernardino County Dept,
of Community Development and Housing
Cheri Garbani, Frazee Community Center
Peter Emelue, Inland Counties Legal Services
Lydia Guerrero, Loma Linda Veterans Hospital
Clay Gullett, High Desert Homeless Services
Susie Hollbeck, High Desert Homeless Services
Darryl Johnson, Sandlewood Rehab & Development
Melissa Burnman, New Hope Village
Brianna Dean, U.S. Vets
Michael Zurn, Colton Mission & Ministries
Larry Dylnai, Colton Mission & Ministries
Laura Burton, New Dawn Residential Care
Cheryl Royal, San Bernardino County Aging & Adults Services
Saundra West, Employment Development Department
Angela Pasco, New Hope Village
Nancy Muinz Bigilow, Inland Counties Legal Services

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Martin Ekoumou, Hope Cameroon
Sunny Wilmamart, Asian American Community Center
Leanne, Driberg, Inland Temporary Homes
Kim Hooper, Inland Temporary Homes
Emelly Renspencer, Inland Temporary Homes
Dave Larsen, San Bernardino County Community
Development Housing
Richard Rutherford, SafAVENS
Jesses Rutherford, SafAVENS
Wendy Prado, Foothill Family Shelter
Chris Mardis, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor
Franklin Newman, ECHO/ Not By Bread Alone
Gloria Breeland, Not By Bread Alone

I. Welcome and Introduction

Ms. Patricia Nickols convened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. She asked for self-introductions and thanked everyone for coming. Ms. Nickols acknowledged St. John of God for coordinating and doing a tremendous job at the Homeless Care Faire. The Homeless Care Faire was held on June 25, 2005, in the City of Victorville.

II. Presentation by Richard Rutherford, “SafAVENS”

Naomi Norman introduced Richard Rutherford, to provide a brief overview and explained the purpose of the SafAVEN project. The purpose of the SAFVEN is to provide security to women and other vulnerable homeless people. The SAFVEN is designed to work in conjunction with therapy and opportunity. It is designed to give transitional propriety to residents while they prepare to return to traditional housing. The initial cost of \$4000 goes into building the SafAVEN project.

III. Updates

HUD 2005 Funding Announcements

Ms. Nickols announced the 2005 HUD funding allocation of 5,546, 901 to San Bernardino County. There were 13 projects that received funding and two projects that were not successful in receiving funding. CAPSBC do not know why those projects were not funded, but will schedule a debriefing with HUD to discuss the application. Each year since 1994 CAPSBC has coordinated an associated application on behalf of San Bernardino County’s

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Continuum of Care. This process has resulted in over \$38 million brought into this county for homeless assistance. One of the goals of this process is to encourage new agencies to provide services to the homeless. The role of CAPSBC in this process is to screen the initial applications to see if the requirements outlined in the Request for Proposal are met; provide technical assistance to agencies; and submit the application to HUD. CAPSBC does not receive any administrative dollars for coordinating this application. CAPSBC is in the process of completing the Technical Submission for the Integrated Social Services Center. The deadline to have the Technical Submission to HUD is January 25, 2006. The 2006 HUD Super NoFA has not been announced yet. The announcement is usually made in late April.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Ms. Nickols informed the Task Force that HUD mandated in 2001 that each Continuum of Care implement HMIS in order for the San Bernardino CoC to continue receiving funding. CAPSBC have hired a software company Aysdstech, Inc. The servers have been ordered, and all agencies who will participate in the first phase are on board, trainings have been schedule for agency staff who will be directly involved with HMIS. CAPSBC is finalizing the MOU's with participating agencies.

Integrated Social Services Center

CAPSBC was funded in 2004 \$1.9 million to implement an Integrated Social Services Center in the City of San Bernardino. The Integrated Social Services Center will provide services to the homeless in San Bernardino County in a “one stop” environment. The project will be replicated after the PATH MALL in Los Angeles, without the housing component. In the future we will be relying on the two SRO grantees to provide the housing. We are in the final stage of completing the Technical Submission. The facility chosen for site control is a 21, 000 sq ft. building. We will have an assessment center where the homeless will be processed by an Intake Specialist and refer them to the other partners housed in the Center. The goal of the Integrated Social Services Center is to bring together community based organizations, and county departments, and other agencies to provide services to the homeless. Ms. Nickols acknowledged Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, for her commitment and support of this project.

Accomplishments of the “Next Steps” Task Force for 2005 and Directions for 2006

Ms. Nickols stated to the Task Force the concerns of not accomplishing the goals and objectives stated in Exhibit 1 of the 2004/2005 Super NoFA Application. The Task Force agreed to meet on a monthly basis to work on these goal. But if there is no outcome or plan in place we have met for not. Ms. Nickols mentioned the Sheltered and Unsheltered count of the homeless. This is a mandate of HUD, but in order for us to complete this count there is a cost associated with doing the count. HUD is recommending the count be conducted twice every other year. The count was not completed because funds were not available to do it.

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Ms. Nickols reviewed the goals and stated that some were accomplished but we still have a long way to go to achieve the goals we said that we would do in the NoFA.

IV. Open Discussion and Announcements

Ms. Nickols asked the Task Force for feedback on where we need to go with our future meetings. The Task Force agreed to continue working on the goals and objectives and to bring a facilitator to the next meeting to chart the direction of the Task Force for 2006.

V. Meeting Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Naomi Norman, Program Specialist II**